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TONGUES OF FIRE

From the World's Evangelization Crusade on Apostolic Principles.

"Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you . . . and be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth."

"There appeared . . . tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."

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"Beloved, I was constrained to write unto you, exhorting you to contend earnestly for **The Faith**, which was **once for all** delibered unto the saints.—R.V.

foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a *sure foundation*: he that believeth shall not make haste."


Yours in "the good fight of faith."


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THE TRUE SITUATION.

THERE is nothing like having opened eyes to truly understand the situation when an enemy is making an attack. The following letter is a good illustration of the above statement:

DEAR BROTHER:

Enclosed find check for \$100, which I believe the Lord would have me send you. I am blessed already in having a part in it. I mix it with faith, and trust the Lord to multiply it one hundred fold. *I haven't any doubt but what Satan has every spare devil in hell opposing the completion of God's building, working in every conceivable way;* and I believe the Lord has given me these words for you, "Be not ye afraid of them: Remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives *and your house.*" Hallelujah!

"Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a

If there is a building on God's globe that the devil hates, it is the one on Beulah hill, dedicated to the evangelization of a lost world, to the treading down and trampling upon with apostolic power, "that old serpent" with all his followers. Every demon that existed in Christ's time is just as actively engaged today as of old, in whispering lies to the ears of the people against Christ's work. I as much believe that the devil has distinctly planned a campaign for the purpose of preventing the dedication of this building July 4th, as that I now exist. He has used godless editors and reporters to write up the most sensational and glaringly false statements concerning this work, statements that he knew would be copied far and near, thus poisoning the minds of the people all over the country against God's movement. At the same time this paper is so sacredly God's that never once has the scratch of a pen through these sheets, been used in defending personal interests. *TONGUES OF FIRE is dedicated to God's interests and His alone.*

We simply called the Bible School together, knelt in prayer, and called upon God Almighty, to defeat His enemies. The editor of this paper said, "For every lie that the devil can get up, I will take from your hand, God, a corresponding miracle." God answered as follows: The week the sensational lies came out about the Bible School, God gave us within a few hours from the time we prayed for it, one hundred dollars for the engine. The next week another mass of lies was met with a fearless prayer,

"God I will take some more miracles;" and a two-hundred-dollar check was the answer. The following week more lies; and then came the above letter with another one-hundred-dollar check. A misrepresentation a little later was followed by a check for another one hundred dollars. Then there seemed to be a rest for about two weeks. Last week the devil tried his hand again. The Bible School knelt and asked God for three hundred dollars. That was Friday night. The following Monday Mr. Sandford returned from Auburn and Lewiston, and last evening the following letter was dictated to the National Bank where he deposits his money:

"Enclosed find checks for \$2.00, \$9.00, \$50.00, \$100.00, and \$175.00; total, \$336.00; which please deposit to my account and oblige."

The more the devil lies the more God replies. The more the devil assails the more the Almighty endorses us. Satan's bitterest attacks against this movement recoil upon his own head, working together for our special good. When the devil began to publish the lies, we needed sixteen hundred dollars for the completion of the building. Now we need only eight hundred. Hallelujah! "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee and the remainder of wrath (all that does not praise God) Thou shalt restrain." "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice."

WHERE ARE THE NINE?

WERE there not ten healed?" asked Jesus, referring to the lepers that had just besought Him to answer their cries. "Were there not ten healed, and where are the nine?" Only one of the whole number, "a Samaritan" had returned to thank and praise Jesus for His mighty healing power.

So in this work, we pray for a great company of people; but, oh, how few of them take time to write us and give glory to God for their recovery in answer to our prayers! A short time since a person wrote requesting us to pray for a sick relative, and in her letter stated "our neighbor . . . has been very sick for quite a long time, and we did not expect she would ever be any better, but she wrote you and has since been healed by the prayer of faith. Her father was here a few days ago and told us of her won-

derful cure, of how very sick she was, and that you and your staff prayed for her, and how well she has been since that time."

That was way back in March, and had it not been for this lady's letter, we should not have known until yesterday, of the wonderful answer to our prayers in the case of the neighbor above mentioned. I wish to say to every sick one who ever asks us to pray for you, that it is not pleasing to God for you to make less effort to return to praise and glorify your Heavenly Father for the answer to prayer, than you made when in distress you requested prayer.

God keep you one and all from the contemptible meanness that will beg when it is in trouble, and then forget God when the trouble is removed.

Yesterday this "Samaritan" above referred to, returned to give glory. Here is her letter:

"Some time ago my daughter wrote asking for prayers for me. I was very sick at the time and they all thought my stay here was short.

You answered her letter and sent a paper. I read it, and found light. I sent for Brother N—. He came and brought Brothers C— L— and P— with him. The Lord led me to be baptized and I was; and then my father, mother and daughter were so filled with the Spirit that they were baptized. Praise God, it was one of the best meetings I ever went to.

My daughter and I were anointed and then we had prayers. *I was healed.* They got me some dinner. I got up and dressed, did some light work that afternoon, and went out to the tea table with my family that night. *Have worked every day since. Glory to God!* I left off taking medicine the day before I was healed.

Thank you and your Bible Class. May God bless you and yours in your good work.

I am so glad that I have found Jesus. I gave my heart to Him years ago, but that was as far as I went. Now I am His and He is mine.

Pray for me that I may never go back, but always go onward, growing stronger each day in the love of God.

May the grace of our Lord ever be with you."

HAVE FAITH IN GOD—WAIT.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.—Prov. 3:5.

Hannah Whitall Smith relates in "Our Helper" the following interesting incident:

"A little girl I knew, once brought a bag without a string to her mother to have one supplied. The mother agreed to do it, and threading a bodkin with a string, began to push it through the hem. The child had expected her mother to sew a string on each side of the bag, like a

handle, and when she saw the bodkin and string both disappearing inside the hem she was puzzled and distressed. She watched it a moment, and then said plaintively, 'I think my mamma might put a string to my bag when she said she would.' The mother looked up from her work reassuringly and said, 'Do not be troubled, darling, I am putting the string in all right.' The child watched silently for a few more moments, and still no sign of the string appearing, as it was a little difficult to push through the narrow hem, the tears began to gather, and again the plaintive voice whispered, 'I thought my mamma was a good mamma, and knew how to put on strings!' This time the mother saw there was a real need of comfort, and she explained more fully. 'See, darling,' she said, 'I do know how to put a string to a bag, and this is the best way. Just trust me and wait, and it will come out right.'

The child waited, and in a few moments the string was pushed through, a knot was tied, and the bag hung triumphantly on the little arm. The child looked thoughtfully at it, and then said, 'Oh, I see. It is just like Jesus. We give Him something to do, and He don't seem to be doing it right, and we are just going to worry; and then we think, 'Oh, Jesus knows how,' and we just trust Him and wait, and it comes out all right at last.'

There is a vast company of people in this country who have been asking God Almighty to send back the old time power. God is answering their prayers, but instead of doing so according to their preconceived idea, is working in line with His own, as revealed in Scripture. A great number of little children (spiritually) are fretting today, because the Almighty in this movement does not fulfill all His Word in a moment's time, but the great and mighty God, the Everlasting Father is saying, 'Just trust me . . . wait . . . it will come out all right.'

IN THE DESTITUTE NORTH.

Peel, Carleton Co., N. B., March 3, 1897.

MY DEAR BROTHER SANDFORD:

Many times during the winter I have longed to come to you, but He has led me in paths that I knew not of. I have spent the winter preaching up and down the Tobique River and among the lumber camps. It seems as if that part of the field has been neglected. Oh how hungry they seemed for the gospel! and through my labors (the Holy Ghost doing the work) many benighted souls are rejoicing in God's love. The Tobique River is settled along its banks for seventy miles. It is chiefly the lumbering trade that is carried on and some farming. Last Fall after coming home the Lord spoke to me and bade me go to Tobique and testify of Him *there*. So I obeyed and never shall I forget the day I arrived at Arthwelt the first scene of my labors. There was going to be a turkey shoot, and men, women and children along with the Baptist Minister were going. That they were not interested in meetings they gave me plainly to understand. So while they were enjoying themselves at the turkey shoot I was praying for the Holy Ghost to shoot arrows of conviction into every heart in the community. *He did*; we had a wonderful season of refreshing, being

there six weeks. Many souls were saved. One deacon who had been on the back ground, came out for a full salvation and received a wonderful baptism of the Spirit. Why, it set him all on fire and hallelujah! he is burning yet. He is over sixty years old, is out preaching the gospel now and doing a wonderful work. People who knew him before say they are astonished at the wonderful change. He is coming to Durham next summer at the camp meeting.

My next move was to go to Rily Brook forty miles farther up, being led there by the Spirit. If ever a place needed Christ it was that one. *I only found one Christian man in the whole community*. He was an old man near seventy-five, and he told me with tears running down his wrinkled cheeks that he had been praying for years that God would send salvation to that place. He said Sodom and Gomorah were nothing to it. I tell you I felt gloomy that night when I went to bed. I soon found out the cause. I had got my eyes off from Christ and was looking at poor little miserable Dave Millin, forgetting the voice that bade me come, I was saying like one of old, "they will not hear me." Not in the name of Dave Millin, *no*; but in the name of the Holy Ghost. I tell you I received a whipping that night and down on my knees there before Him I learned that except I moved at His will I did not amount to much. I preached Jesus Christ three nights without any results, also the fourth and fifth. They criticised and ridiculed me; but like Joshua of old, I had come up to *possess the land*, for we were fully able. I knew the walls of Jericho never fell the first time they marched around them; hallelujah! and I intended to blow as long as I had breath. Well the walls fell one night as I preached on the prodigal son. I followed him from the time he left his fathers home away down into Babylon. Oh how he spent his money, his time and his substance! Oh how tender and sublimely the Holy Ghost delivered the message! Then I told them how, when he was hungry, weary, bruised and forsaken, he began to think about father's home. Then his resolves and the journey, and lastly the reception at home.

Oh what a wonderful hush fell upon that audience! I felt the walls tremble. At length one old man got up and said, "*That man has told the story of my life*. For the past sixty years I've been a prodigal child and tonight my heart yearns for my heavenly Father's house and I am coming back." Oh what a shock! Why it electrified everybody to hear that poor broken-hearted old man pleading a Father's forgiveness. We had a complete victory that night. God gave me over twenty souls in that community *and now they are erecting the first church that ever the county saw*. Praise God! Hallelujah! Don't you rejoice with me dear brother? Besides this I visited twelve camps and preached from one to three times in a camp. To reach that number I traveled through the woods three hundred miles back and forth. I also distributed tracts, hymn-books, and good reading, which were appreciated, being very gratefully received by the lumbermen.

Altogether my life this winter has been busy in the service of the Master. I was invited to go to Maple Grove to hold a few meetings, I suppose you are familiar with that place: They have not ceased yet to talk about the man that dared to tell them the truth. I stopped at brother and sister Plummer's, and occupied the same room you and bro-

ther Campbell occupied. I found them rooted and grounded in holiness. Met Dr. Barker and we had a good time. He is one of the saints. Bless Him! I think the Spirit has made it plain to me to go to work in the field until September and then go to the Bible School until spring.

And now, dear brother, I hear you have a new student at the School and that his name is John. May God bless him is my prayer, and like John of old may he "Bear record" and "the record *be true*." Our boy is seventeen months old. We call him Paul. I gave him to the Lord from his mother's womb and I trust after I lay down the cross and take up the crown that he will follow in my footsteps and preach Christ, and the Holy Ghost.

Dear brother, write and let me know what God is doing out there. Give my love to all the brethren.

I am ever your Yoke Fellow in Christ,

D. F. MILLIN.

TO AND FROM AROOSTOOK.

ONE day last month, God began to talk to Brother Whittaker about moving his family and farming implements, etc., to Durham, and running the farm for the Bible School this season. After prayer concerning the matter, he accompanied Mr. Sandford and Sister Mitchell to Waterville *en route* for Aroostook, as related in the last paper. At the time he started he did not have money enough to reach his destination, but God in His own marvelous way provided for him.

The day following the casting out of the demons, as related in the last issue, he took the midnight train for his home, and wrote April 12th as follows:

"I had a mighty battle with the demons after I left that house. As I stepped on the street I could feel them all around me, and such mighty hate, it almost made me shiver. Then as I took my seat in the car, they assailed me again, and that car seemed like hell itself, such awful hatred! It seemed that they would destroy me. I cannot express my feelings; but you know just how it was. I just stood firm in God and commanded them to leave the car, but they were bound not to go. Then the blessed Holy Ghost brought the 91st Psalm and 11th verse to my mind, 'He shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways;' and I said, 'Lord, this is one of the ways.' Then He said, 'Command ye me,' and shewed me that the angels were my body-guard. Next came this blessed thought, and I said to the angels, 'I command you in the name of Jesus to clear this car of these demons,' and almost immediately the car was just as sweet as heaven; and oh! the glory of God filled my soul. Then God said, 'Now you have the Holy Ghost inside, Jesus on the right hand of God praying for you, and the angels guarding you why need you fear the demons and all hell?' Glory to God, how He loves us! I said, 'God, I can walk right through hell if need be.' That thought about commanding the angels was entirely new to me, but the Holy Ghost was so real in showing me this truth, that I obeyed it. I do believe that really means for us to use the angels at such times; so I now feel they are always with me to protect me."

He then relates his experience in Bangor, not having money enough to purchase a ticket, and how marvelously God provided for his wants, adding, "So I had the blessed experience of 2 Cor. 6: 10. Oh, glory to God in the highest! 'Seek first the kingdom' and I will care for you. Hallelujah! My wife was not at all surprised when I arrived home. She was looking for me, saying she had asked God to send me home."

The following day he wrote, "We had a glorious meeting Monday night. About twenty-five met at one of the brother's, and I preached the Everlasting Gospel for about three hours, in the power of the Holy Ghost. The meeting continued all night. The brethren were having a hard time through bitter opposition, but God just lifted them and glory to God! they are on a firm foundation again."

A little more than a week later, in the midst of his preparations for removal of household goods, etc., he wrote: "I know God will furnish the money if He wants me to go and I do truly believe He does. I have not the slightest doubt of it. I am acting just as though I had a million. It seems to be very dark and everything does really seem to be against us, but Bless Him! He is steering this craft just the same. He says, 'When you pray *believe*, and ye shall receive.' Glory to God! I am glad it does not say 'If you *feel*.' I am, like Abraham, 'going on still.' He will open the way if He has to send money from China. Hallelujah! He got me home although I did not have a cent in my pocket when I landed. Glory to His precious name! 'All power', 'all joy', all love. Amen.

After putting this dear brother to the test God marvelously delivered, as He always does those who will not be discouraged. God made it possible for a fifty-dollar check to be sent, and the following Monday just after tea, a glad cry went through the Bible School, "Whittaker is coming!" The scholars rushed out, and there across the field was our brother coming with his wife and little child. God had answered prayer; carried him more than six hundred miles; paid all his bills, and returned him with his household goods, farming tools, etc., safe. What a spirit of victorious joy went through the School as standing there on the hill, we welcomed them home by singing:

"On to victory! on to victory!
Cries our great Commander, 'on!'
We move at His command,
To evangelize each land,
In loyalty, loyalty, loyalty to the truth."

WORK IN ATLANTA, GA.

IN THE last paper there appeared an account of the wonderful way in which the Original Missionary Board paid the traveling expenses of one of the students, Brother H. L. Wilson, from Lisbon Falls to Atlanta. When God told him to start, he had *ninety-seven cents*. When he arrived in Atlanta, Ga., a little more than a week later, he had *three dollars and fourteen cents*.

The following is an extract from a letter written one of the students, April 20. "I am well and strong in God

today. Bless His name! He has stood by me all the way. When I arrived at Atlanta I hardly knew what to do, but bless His name! He is leading in His own good way. He is leading me to different parts of the city, where cottage meetings can be held, I will be thus engaged afternoons and evenings until I get further orders from Him. These little meetings are wonderfully blessed: the people here are *so hungry* for the truth. I had no idea I would find it so much so, but the Lord is wonderfully opening the eyes of the people in this section. It looks as though there would be a mighty stir in this city. Bless His name! Yesterday we had a street meeting, on the most prominent corner of the city. Before we were through there were at least a hundred and fifty people gathered around us to hear God's truth. I never had better attention in my life, and God was there in mighty power. Bless Him! Pray for the work here, that God may have His own way. He is speaking to us about a mission, *one that will stand for every word in His book*. Pray that He may have His way in this and that I may "go on still."

One week later he wrote Mrs. Sandford, "Yours of the 22nd was joyfully received. I was so glad to have a letter from you—the first one from the Bible School—and oh! how it did bless my soul. Praise the Lord! I am so glad He does keep me "going on still" with Him; on to "loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go FREE." Praise His name!

Your prayers for this city are being answered. The mighty Holy Ghost is getting hold of precious "diamonds in the rough," and they are being polished for His crown. Some, bound for many years, are being loosed. In one of God's evening meetings last week, a lady bound to her crutches for many years, was set free; set free to sing like a bird in the air, praises to God! The following day she attended a meeting at another place. When her friends saw her *without her crutches*, they were filled with joy, and went around shouting praises to God. Bless His name!

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases:

"Who redeemeth thy soul from destruction.

Hallelujah! Isn't it simply wonderful, how God does fulfill His promises when we will let Him.

Well, bless the Lord! the Holy Ghost is "going on still" here with His little meetings from house to house every afternoon and part of the evenings. He is holding the fort (or rather taking it) in wonderful power.

I have just received a letter from one of the students with a drawing of a soldier with the whole armour of God on, which with the contents has filled my soul with gladness."

Yours in Him,

H. L. WILSON.

358 E. Fair St. Atlanta, Ga.

While arranging the above letter for print, dictating editorials, etc., Mr. Sandford took up a letter he today received from an applicant to the Bible School, from Atlanta,

reading as follows:—"At a meeting last week I heard a man tell of a place where he had been to School with the Holy Ghost as his teacher. I caught at it as a drowning man would at anything to hold him up. I had never seen him before, but as soon as I heard him speak *I knew that the Comforter had come in him to abide.*"

Thank God for students who show even to strangers that they have been with the Great Teacher.

APOSTLESHIP.

BY ONE OF THE STUDENTS OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL.

GOD is calling for apostles. He desires and needs them *now* just as much as He did in the days of old when Peter and Paul, speaking in the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, did many signs and wonders in the name of the Holy child Jesus. Apostleship did not cease with these men for not yet had the work which "Jesus began to do" been finished. God has arranged a plan for His church in this age, and all the so-called culture and worldly wisdom of the nineteenth century can not render it old-fashioned nor out of date; and never till Christ's glorious kingdom shall be set up in this earth and Himself shall have come as our personal, visable King, will the gifts which "God hath set in the church" become a thing of the past.

Chief among these gifts is apostleship. 1 Cor. 12: 28, "God hath set in the church *first* apostles." Foremost then in Christ's church today should we expect to find APOSTLES. What weakness, lack of power and failure has resulted to the cause of our blessed Lord through the disregard God's people have paid to this part of His Word; slighting the very strength that He has given to meet our contending foes and to push forward the evangelization of the world on the lines which He instituted. But at the present time this important truth is again being brought to our attention, and as we perceive the truth we find that God is still, as at first, calling forth men of faith and loyalty as apostles, for the mighty work yet to be done.

Let us then consider just what this gift means.

I. What apostleship does *not* mean.

1. An apostle does not mean simply a prophet, teacher or minister of the church of God, for it is a gift mentioned as distinct and separate from these and as being higher in its office than they. "*First* apostles, *then* prophets, teachers, helps," etc. Thus the Holy Ghost clearly states the distinction, and when God has spoken loyal subjects must bow to His will.

2. It does not mean studying, talking or theorizing *about* apostles. It is possible that one may have all knowledge of a thing, and yet

fail to be in possession of that thing. So might all the truth on this subject be clearly defined and understood, and at the same time there be no realization of the power of it in practical Christian life and service. But God does not want you, my friend, to be like those who "hold the truth in unrighteousness." (Rom. 1: 18); but on this line, as on all others, to expect the Holy Ghost, in accordance with Jesus' promise (John 16: 13,) to "guide you into all truth." Into *this* truth, into the reality of God's thought and plan for apostles in this age.

II. What apostleship does mean.

1. Being chosen by God for the highest position. Luke 6: 12-13, "Jesus continued all night in prayer to God, and when it was day he called his disciples; and of them he chose twelve whom also he named apostles." In the early part of His ministry Jesus had called out and gathered round Him a band of followers—some of whom were around Him because of the miracles which He did, and because they ate of the loaves and fishes; part attracted by the new doctrine which He taught; and yet others because they recognized in His words the truth and because of their loyalty to One whom they began to feel was indeed their promised Messiah. Day after day this mixed company followed Him about from place to place, listening to the gracious words which fell from His lips and His marvelous teaching concerning the Kingdom of God. But now the time had come when He needed something more than *disciples*. He must have men of faith and *action* whom He could take with Him into His work of public ministry, and fit to leave in charge of it when He should return to the Father. So the Son of God went apart by Himself all night in prayer to God for wisdom and direction as to whom among that company which followed Him about from place to place He should choose. He must have that quality of soul that would not shrink at the coming tests and persecution, and which would not fail to comprehend the mighty lessons He had to give them. Then He waited before Him till He was sure of each one whom it was the Father's will to give Him, and then in the early morning He descended the mountain, calling His disciples together, He chose twelve, —separating them forever from their former life—and named *them* apostles. Oh, what an honor to be chosen by the Son of God from all that multitude of people and set apart unto the grandest position in His service! And just so is it now. Among Christian believers, the multitude following Jesus, the Holy Ghost is seeking those to whom He can give the gift of apostleship, seeking for that quality of soul which will take the best and which can be trusted with the best. He is making choice *now*. Oh, wondrous joy if in you He finds one whom He

can safely separate unto this, the very highest place God offers to His people. It matters not who you are. Jesus' disciples were unlearned men from the commonest ranks of life, but filled with the mighty Spirit, they become bold, fearless and powerful in God. The Holy Ghost in 1 Cor. 12: 13 tells *you* to "covet earnestly the best gifts." Will you do it?

2. Apostleship means standing with God in the most intimate relations.

Mark 3: 14, "He ordained twelve that they should be *with Him*." We see how markedly this was true of the apostles of Jesus as we recall the scenes where they alone were allowed to be present, on the mount of transfiguration, at the raising of the dead child, at the last supper, in the garden and after His resurrection as He appeared to them in the upper room.

John, that grand man of God, was permitted to have a view of the wonderful mysteries of the close of this age and the coming kingdom in the revelation which the glorified Christ gave him. Paul the mighty apostle of the Holy Ghost lived too in the closest places with his Lord, even being caught up into the third heaven, hearing things too wonderful to utter. Not less truly will the apostles called and chosen by the Holy Ghost today enter into the very presence of God and there talk with Him about the mighty events coming to pass in these later days, and as co-laborers *with Him* enter intelligently into the work which awaits them.

3. It means being "sent forth" by God.

Apostolos (the Greek for apostle) means "one sent forth." Mark 3: 14, "He ordained twelve . . . that he might *send them forth* to preach, etc., and in Acts 13: 2 "the Holy Ghost said, separate Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them, . . . so they being *sent forth* . . . departed." At the time of this call they were prophets and teachers but just a little later, we find them called for the first time "apostles," Acts 14: 4. An apostle is one whom Jesus calls especially to continue the work which He began to do, to stand as His special representative in authority for the carrying out of His world-wide plan during His absence, to prepare the bride for His return, to preach, heal the sick, cast out demons, and in general do God's work on earth. For this purpose He calls, separates, and then *sends forth* men, endued with power, to the ends of the earth, carrying the "everlasting gospel."

III. Apostleship includes:

1 The loss of *all* things. Paul could well say "What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things and do count them but dung that I may win Christ, Phil. 3: 7-8. Jesus'

own words are that we must forsake everything hating even those of our own household and our own lives also if we would be His disciples.

And so we find that every one of these mighty apostles whom we are so wont to admire and praise, "left *all*," suffered the loss of every earthly possession, business, houses, lands, family, good name, *all*, to know the riches of Christ Jesus. But remember, brother, that God does not ask you to stop and gaze in admiration on the lives of these men, but to step into the ranks yourself, and counting out everything except God, make it your only business to know and do His highest will. Friends will leave you, your people will misunderstand you, even the best Christians will wonder if you are not going too far, but with the knowledge that you are pleasing God, you will be more than satisfied. Hal-lujah!

To those, and only those, who forsake all worldly advantage for Christ's sake does God grant that all the wealth of heaven shall be at their command. Such can understand the Spirit's message, 1 Cor. 3: 21, 22, "All things are yours."

2. *Enduring* all things. "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves—and ye shall be hated of all men for my name sake," (Matt. 10: 16, 22), were the words of Jesus to His apostles; and in every place they went we find them suffering many things at the hands of their enemies. The powers of darkness and wicked men are no more friendly to the cause of Christ than they ever have been; and any one who will be true to God will find the same hatred and persecution raised against him as abounded in the early church. The human heart has not grown any better in these years; and the bitter opposition of the devil will surely show itself in every possible form to thwart the work of God, whenever His mighty power crushes Satan's. An apostle of Jesus Christ becomes at once "a spectacle to men and angels," the target for hatred and persecution, perils and afflictions and every dart of the devil. Prison bars await him and death at the hands of his enemies is probable. These things are not unreal and improbable but what we may expect to actually take place in the awful days just ahead. "Perilous times," such as have never been witnessed before, are as certain as God's word is true.

3. *Conquering* all things. Matt. 17: 20. "Nothing shall be impossible unto you." "There is absolutely nothing but victory and "power over all the power of the enemy." The signs of an apostle will surely follow one who has deliberately laid down all things, for the life and service of Jesus, and has counted the scorn and enmity of the world not to be compared to the glory which shall be revealed in them. Such men God can trust with power, and will send

them forth, thoroughly equipped for whatever in His providence, they are called upon to undertake. Thus empowered, they will be ready for any emergency, competent to fill any position, qualified for the ministry of "The Everlasting Gospel," healing the sick and casting out demons at any time, in any place on the globe.

The church of God cannot be in its proper working order till men are found who will "covet earnestly" this gift of the Spirit and take the place which belongs to them. It will make you indeed a conqueror over all the power of the devil. Prisons cannot hold you for the angel of deliverance will be there or the earthquake at midnight shake all the doors open, resulting in an alter service and baptism before daybreak. The divine life within will refuse to be defeated, or killed out by all the fury of a mad world in rebellion against God; but always in every place you will be master of the situation because of the knowledge that the Almighty God is with you. Divine protection will preserve you, divine power back you and divine favor strengthen you to meet every foe and completely vanquish them in the mighty name of Jesus. Hal-lujah!

It is time that some one was getting in earnest about this matter and stepping forward into the present battle. God is only waiting for someone to believe Him and then He will arise and shake terribly the earth. He will surely do it and that speedily. The question comes to you, my brother, whether you will respond to this call—His last great call in this age—and come up to the help of the Almighty, and "let God arise and scatter his enemies" through you.

MISS MARY E. GUPTILL.

Children's Corner.

I WANT to tell the little folks, who read the TONGUES OF FIRE, something about a little three-year-old boy whom we will call Freddie Smith. He startled his papa and mama one day by tumbling down to the floor in what seemed to be a fit. When his papa took him up in his arms his whole face was purple and he wouldn't take notice of anyone. It lasted about fifteen minutes when he came out of it and went to sleep. The next day he seemed sick and feverish and wanted his mama to hold him a good deal. She wanted him to be anointed very much and as she knew Mr. Sandford would pass the house on his way home from a funeral that day, she told the Lord if He wanted Freddie to be anointed to send Mr. Sandford in.

The Lord wanted him to be healed a good

deal more than his mama did, so of course He led Mr. Sandford and his wife to call on their way back. Freddie was lying on the lounge not feeling any better when they came in. His mamma told them what she wanted done, so they anointed him and all prayed over him just as God tells us to do in His Word. Before they were through praying he fell asleep and his little head which had been hot felt nice and cool. Was'nt that better than to have a doctor come and give him medicine and then not know if he would get better? He got all well in a little while, just as the Lord said he would.

A short time after his seven-year-old sister, Jennie, had quite a severe pain in her stomach. He went up to her and putting his arms around her neck said, "I'll pray for you, Jennie." So he went and kneeled down by the lounge and asked the Lord to bless her and take away the pain. He then hopped up and going to his sister with a smiling face said, "Your pain is better now, isn't it Jennie?" She declared to her mother afterwards that her pain commenced to be better right away.

Another day he was playing that he was calling on his auntie who was stopping at his house. He was telling her about his children, and she asked him if they were ever sick. He told her, "yes". "And what do you do for them?" she inquired. He stopped a moment as if he was thinking and then replied, "I pray for them." "Do they get well?" "Yes." He had never heard any one say that they prayed for people when they were sick; and who dare say that the Holy Ghost did not make that anointing service real to him and show him what it meant? The prayer had been made at that time that the Lord would work on his little heart and life and make him one of His own. "Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes."

East Bowdoinham, Me., March 26, 1897.

DEAR BOY AND GIRL READERS OF
TONGUES OF FIRE:

It has been over a year since I last wrote to TONGUES OF FIRE, and I think the Lord wants me to write again.

I am still trusting in Jesus and it is my desire to grow more like Him from day to day.

I read about Mr. Sandford's baby in TONGUES OF FIRE and I would like to see it very much.

God has done great things for Mr. Sandford but I know He is going to do greater things.

I am going to send a little money in stamps to Mr. Sandford. It is not much but I think God wants me to send it; it is all I have. I

would gladly send more if I could. But Jesus will bless it.

I want all of you to pray for me that I may always continue in this blessed way.

Your Sister in Christ,

BERTHA BROWN.

"I send you \$1.00 for your paper," writes a sister. We read it all. Now I wanted to write you a few lines but I don't expect any reply. Write to someone if you have the time that does not have the faith in God that I have."

"I have been reading the little paper, TONGUES OF FIRE, and it has helped me in my Christian life, and I thank God that He ever put it into your heart to publish it. I have lent it to others and it helped them. May God bless you in your work."

Notices.

1. Tongues of Fire, 1895 bound in book form with pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Sandford on first page, can be ordered for one dollar. This vol. has seven lengthy and very valuable articles on the Holy Ghost—articles which every saint interested in this movement should surely possess.

2. Prayer Crusade Calender, for each day in the year, by Mrs. H. Kinney Sandford, can be ordered in book form, twenty-five cents. A useful present which should be scattered among the saints that believe in a crusade of prayer for this world's evangelization. Any one wishing to give them away may have these calenders for 15 cents, or one dozen for one dollar.

3. The tract—"Two years experience with the Holy Ghost", by F. W. Sandford, may be secured for \$1.00 per hundred. One of the Friends, who has recently recieved the Holy Ghost, writes this is "the most useful article in leading people to receive the Holy Ghost," that she has ever known.

4. The Tract—Twenty-five Reasons Why I Know the Holy Ghost is a Person," by F. W. Sandford, can be ordered for \$1.00 per. hundred. The power of one's Christian life depends upon his receiving, recognizing and knowing the Holy Ghost. This tract gives the Scriptures upon this subject throughout the whole Bible, showing conclusively His personality.

5. The new singing book "Warrior Songs for the White Cavalry" can be ordered for 25 cents each; \$2.50 per. dozen; \$18.00 per. hundred.

6. Any desired motto for the decoration of the walls of one's room can be ordered of Mrs. H. K. Sandford, in blue, pink or red cardboard, for one cent per small, and two cents per capital letter. The money received from these sales will be used in the interest of God's work. Will friends kindly assist by securing orders?

7. Tongues of Fire, 1896, bound in book form, will, for a while, be sold for half price, fifty cents, or sent post-paid for 60 cents. Afterwards the price will be one dollar.

8. The three great gatherings of the year are: First, Fourth of July Convention (July 3-5) at which D. V., the grounds having been properly laid out and the Lord's house painted, the entire property will be formally dedicated to God. Second, The yearly Campmeeting (Aug. 7-22) when the people bring their tents, food, bedding etc., and camp out. Third, The Annual Convention (Sept. 25 to Oct. 2) at the opening of the school year. Reduced rates on the railroad are secured to each of these meetings which are held at Durham, Me., the R. R. station and Post Office address, however being at Lisbon Falls, Me. 1 1-2 miles distant.

We invite YOU to come to any or all of these gatherings and see for yourself what God is doing.